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SUBJ: FORMATION OF NEW CABINET

REF: LA PAZ 4365, 4338 AND A-128

1. LA PAZ PRESS (PRESENCIA) OF MONDAY, JULY 8 REPORTS THAT PRES BANZER WILL ADDRESS THE NATION EVENING OF JULY 8, ANNOUNCING FORMATION OF ALL-MMILITARY CABINET NOW AND ELECTIONS IN MAY 1975.

2. INFORMED SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE FPN SCHEME OF GOVERNMENT, THAT IS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE BANZER REGIME BY THE FSB, MNR AND BARRIENTISTAS WILL CONTINUE IN MODIFIED FORM. THE MNR AND FSB SUBSECRETARIES IN THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES WILL REMAIN, AND A POLITICAL COMMISSION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THESE THREE PARTIES WILL BE FORMED TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE
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CABINET ON A WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY BASIS TO ADVISE THE

GOVERNMENT ON POLITICAL PROBLEMS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SPOKESMEN FOR THE INDIVIDUAL PARTIES WILL PUBLICLY EXPRESS THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

3. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW WELL THIS THINLY CAMOUFLAGED MILITARY REGIME WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION. THE TEMPTATION WOULD BE FOR ANY ONE OF THE MAJOR PARTIES TO PULL OUT OF THE ARRANGMENT THE FIRST TIME THAT AN ARMED FORCES OFFICER ACTING IN HIS MINISTERIAL CAPACITY FAILS TO TAKE THE ADVISE OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION. IN ADDITION, WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTIONS IN MAY 1975, THE TENDENCY WILL BE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR OWN ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS AND TO THEIR POPULARITY THAN TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT.
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